



## Press Release

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### Pennsylvania Red Meat Production Up 9 Percent in October

HARRISBURG --- Commercial red meat production in the state during October 2002 totaled 120.0 million pounds, dressed weight basis, up 9 percent from October 2001, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS). Beef production, at 126.6 million pounds live weight, was 9 percent more than October 2001. Total head slaughtered was 98,200, up 8 percent from last year. Live weight averaged 1,290 pounds, a increase of 12 pounds from last year.

Veal production was 6.4 million pounds live weight, 12 percent more than a year ago. Calf slaughter of 19,100 head was up 19 percent; average live weight decreased 22 pounds to 336 pounds. Pork production was 62.9 million pounds live weight, up 12 percent from October 2001. Total head slaughtered was 252,300, up 15 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 5 pounds to 250 pounds. Lamb and mutton production was 698,000 pounds live weight, up 46 percent. The number slaughtered was 6,500, up 41 percent from October of last year. The average live weight increased 2 pounds to 107 pounds.

**Nationally**, commercial red meat production for October 2002 totaled 4.38 billion pounds, dressed weight basis, up 3 percent from the 4.27 billion pounds produced in October 2001 and a new record high for October. Beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.51 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year and new record high for October. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.27 million head, up 3 percent from 2001. The average live weight was up 23 pounds from the previous year, at 1,270 pounds.

Veal production, at 18.7 million pounds, was up 5 percent from October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 100,800 head, up 7 percent from October 2001. The average live weight was 308 pounds, down 10 pounds from October a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.83 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.40 million head, 1 percent above October 2001. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 264 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 19.6 million pounds, was down 1 percent from October 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 300,200 head, 4 percent above last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 6 pounds from October a year ago.

January-October red meat production was 39.4 billion pounds, 4 percent above the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 5 percent above last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 2 percent.